

REMARKS

Claims 16-32 remain pending in this application with claims 16, 24, 25, 27 and 30-32 being amended and claims 17, 18 and 19 being cancelled by this response.

Rejection of Claims 16-32 under 35 USC § 102

Claims 16-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Collings (U.S. Patent No. 5,828,402).

The present claimed invention introduces a system for controlling television images. The system includes at least one viewer profile establishing a set of limits for blocking selected images from viewing or recording. The member(s) of the set are selected from a group containing program ratings, spending, channel, total view time, time of day and image content ratings. The system also includes at least one override list including at least one override instruction applicable to at least one member of the set. The member(s) of the set is/are modified while the override instruction is active. The system contains at least one previously used override list. The list includes at least one previously used override instruction that is able to be recalled for use in setting a new override instruction. Independent claims 25, 27, 30 and 31 include similar limitations directed to the previously used override list.

“The present invention, which is an improvement to the Override Invention, provides for efficient recall and reinstitution of overrides” in a limit system (page 6, lines 28-29). The system is able to recall and reinstitute overrides because “the completed overrides are stored in system memory” (page 3, lines 15-16). The method of “storage of the override information may be either automatic or optional. In the optional embodiment, the supervisor may be given an option to name the set of override parameters, for example, “good behavior.” In the automatic embodiment, the system saves each set of override parameters and displays them, or the most recent ones, in a list when the supervisor enters the override menu” (page 4, lines 6-10).

Collings discloses a system in which a method and apparatus block the reception of television programming which meets specified criteria. The methods of the invention are extremely flexible and allow several different rating systems to be used simultaneously. The system includes a menu which “allows the features of apparatus 20 to be individually enabled or disabled. Each of the features listed beside options 1[] to [6] of menu 90 can be set to ON, SLEEP (for a specified time period) or OFF...If SLEEP is selected the feature will be disabled for a period of time designated by the “Sleep Time”” (Column 17, lines 9-18).

The Examiner contends that Collings discloses an override system by providing the options of “SLEEP (for a specified time period) or OFF...If SLEEP is selected the feature will be disabled for a period of time designated by the “Sleep Time”. If the user selects OFF the feature will be disabled and will not operate...In the alternative, a user may simply disable one or more individual features from the list of menu choices” (Column 17, lines 11-23). According to the system described above Collings introduces an input method for a single override in each category (as illustrated by menu 90 in Figure 5B). The input is simply one of three options: ON, SLEEP and OFF. It does not provide for efficient recall and reinstitution of previously used overrides. Collings neither discloses nor suggests “at least one previously used override list including at least one previously used override instruction wherein said previously used override instruction is able to be recalled for use in setting a new override instruction” as claimed in claim 16 of the present claimed invention.

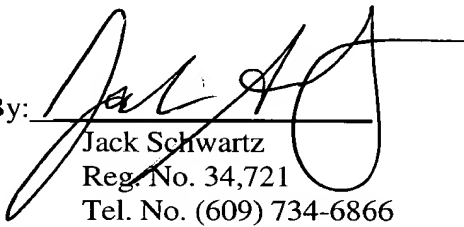
In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims it is respectfully submitted that there is no 35 USC 112 compliant enabling disclosure in Collings showing the above discussed features. It is thus further respectfully submitted that claim 16 is not anticipated by Collings. As independent claims 27, 30 and 31 contain similar limitations to claim 16 it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 16. Since claims 17-24, 28, 29 and 32 are dependant on independent claims 16, 27 and 31, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for the same reasons

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discussed above with respect to claim 16. It is thus, further respectfully submitted that
this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

The applicant respectfully submits, in view of the above arguments, that all
arguments made by the Examiner have been addressed and this rejection should be
withdrawn. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that the present claimed
invention is patentable.

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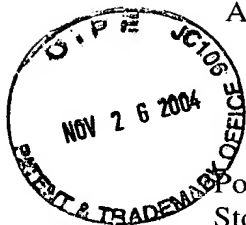
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